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MARTINSBURG, *Thursday Evening, Oct. 14th*, 1847.

PURSUANT to adjournment, the brethren composing the Synod of Maryland convened at Martinsburg, on Thursday, October 14th. The Synodical discourse was preached by the President, Rev. F. W. Conrad, from the words: "There should be no schism in the body." 1 Cor. xii. 25.

FIRST SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 *o'clock.*

Prayer by the President.

The ministers and lay brethren in attendance were the following:

	MINISTERS.	ADDRESS.
1	REV. J. D. KURTZ, D. D.,*	Baltimore, Md.
2	" B. KURTZ, D. D.,	" "
3	" M. WACHTER,*	Woodsboro', Md.
4	" J. G. MORRIS, D. D.,	Baltimore, Md.
5	" S. W. HARKEY,	Frederick, Md.
6	" S. D. HEILIG,†	? Va.
7	" D. J. HAUER,	Jefferson, Md.
8	" C. STARTZMAN,	Williamsport, Md.
9	" S. SENTMAN,	Taneytown, Md.
10	" J. J. REIMENSNYDER,	Smithsburg, Md.
11	" F. W. CONRAD,	Hagerstown, Md.
12	" P. WILLARD,	Lovettsville, Va.
13	" Prof. H. L. BAUGHER,	Gettysburg, Pa.

*Absent and excused. †Absent without excuse.

MINISTERS.	ADDRESS.
14 Rev. C. P. KRAUTH, Jr.,	Shepherdstown, Va.
15 " C. WEYL,†	Baltimore, Md.
16 " C. LEPLEY,*	Frostburg, Md.
17 " W. HUNT,	Boonsboro', Md.
18 " C. CULLER,	Funkstown, Md.
19 " Prof. C. A. HAY,	Gettysburg, Pa.
20 " S. D. FINCKEL,†	Washington, D. C.
21 " B. APPLEBY,†	Baltimore, Md.
22 " JOHN HECK,	Waynesboro', Pa.
23 " D. F. BITTLE,	Middletown, Md.
24 " WM. H. SMITH,*	Baltimore, Md.
25 " E. SCHWARTZ,	Manchester, Md.
26 " J. A. BROWN,	Baltimore, Md.
27 " C. REIMENSNYDER,	Westminster, Md.
28 " J. A. SEISS,	Cumberland, Md.
29 " J. GRAEFF,	Washington, D. C.
30 " J. M. HARKEY,	Rosstown, Pa.
31 " G. A. NIXDORFF,	Frederick, Md.
32 " C. F. HEYER,	Baltimore, Md.
33 " G. H. BRANDAU,*	" "

LICENTIATES.

34 Rev. G. S. FOUCKE,*	Waynesboro', Pa.
35 " L. RIZER,	Cumberland, Md.

LAY-DELEGATES.

1 PHILIP DIFFENDERFER,	Martinsburg, Va.
2 GEO. H. BUCKEY,	Jefferson, Md.
3 JONATHAN HAUER,	Williamsport, Md.
4 JOHN KRINER,	Smithsburg, Md.
5 GEO. SHRYOCK,	Hagerstown, Md.
6 CHARLES B. HAMILTON,	Lovettsville, Va.
7 Prof. M. L. STOEVER,	Gettysburg, Pa.
8 ELIAS MELONE,	Boonsboro', Md.
9 CONRAD HILDEBRAND,	Funkstown, Md.
10 JACOB WALTER,	Waynesboro', Pa.
11 HEZEKIAH FLOYD,	Middletown, Md.
12 JOSIAH T. H. BRINGMAN,	Westminster, Md.

The President now read his report, which was accepted and referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs. Harkey, Morris and Walter. As subsequently amended and adopted, it reads as follows:

*Absent and excused. †Absent without excuse.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

BELOVED BRETHREN,

Preserved by the kind Providence of God to meet again in Synodical session, I now submit my official report.

I. *Vacancies.*

In June last, the Rev. C. P. Krauth, Jr., informed me that he had resigned the pastorship of the Lombard street church, Baltimore, which still remains vacant.

In September last, the Rev. J. Winter, informed me that he had resigned his charge at Martinsburg, Va., which still remains unsupplied.

The churches in the Cove, formerly supplied by the Rev. J. Winter, are still without a pastor.

The churches and preaching places around Frederick, supplied by the Rev. M. Wachter, have become vacant by his removal.

II. *Ministerial Changes.*

The Rev. M. Wachter has removed from Frederick and taken charge of the Woodsboro' district.

The Rev. J. J. Reimensnyder has removed from Woodsboro' and taken charge of the Smithsburg district.

The Rev. P. Rizer, of the Alleghany Synod, informed me that he had removed from Somerset, Pa., and taken charge of the German congregation of Cumberland, Md., and of the two English ones, formerly in connection with Cumberland.

The Rev. J. E. Graeff, of the East Pennsylvania Synod, informed me in November last, that he had received and accepted a call from St. Paul's church, Washington, D. C.

The Rev. Mr. Brandau, of the Pennsylvania Synod, has removed from Chambersburg, Pa., and taken charge of the German church in Baltimore, organized by the Rev. C. F. Heyer. Neither of these brethren have informed me of these changes.

The Rev. S. D. Finckel informed me in February last, that he had taken charge of the German congregation of Washington, D. C.

The Rev. J. A. Seiss, of the Virginia Synod, informed me in April last, that he had received and accepted a call from the English Lutheran Church of Cumberland.

The Rev. W. Hunt informed me in December last, that an election had been held, based upon the resolution of Synod, by the Boonsboro' congregation, at which it was decided that they would not again unite with the district, the direct question for or against him not having been put, and requesting me to visit Boonsboro'. As I received no notice of the election, considered the true issue involved in the decision, and that it would promote brother Hunt's own happiness and the peace of the church, I advised him to make no further efforts to obtain the congregation again. This he very kindly received and faithfully obeyed.

In January last, Mr. Knodle, elder, and Mr. Hagenberger, deacon of the Boonsboro' congregation, called on me and after having stated the result of the election, and the desire of the council and congregation, reguested that the Rev. C. Culler be permitted to visit and preach to them. This was granted. He preached, received, and by permission, accepted a call, until the meeting of Synod. The congregation has since made application and been received regularly into the Funkstown district.

The Rev. C. Culler informed me in January, that he had resigned the charge of the Middleburg congregation. It has since been united to the Greencastle charge, under the ministrations of Rev. M. Eyster.

The Rev. J. P. Cline informed me in December last, that he had resigned his charge at Smithsburg, and accepted a call from Mount Jackson, Va.

III. *Church Organizations.*

The Rev. C. Culler informed me that he had organized a congregation at Wolfsville, Frederick county, under very favorable circumstances.

The Rev. P. Rizer has organized the Germans formerly belonging to the Cumberland church into a separate congregation.

The Rev. C. F. Heyer has organized a German congregation in the city of Baltimore.

IV. *Laying Corner Stone.*

The corner stone of a new Lutheran church was laid in August, at Wolfsville, Md., under the care of the Rev. C. Culler. The Rev. Messrs. Startzman, Bittle and the President, aided the pastor in the solemnities of the occasion.

V. *Installations.*

The Rev. J. J. Reimensnyder was installed at Smithsburg, agreeably to appointment in April last, by the Rev. Messrs. Heck, Culler and the President.

The Rev. J. E. Graeff requested me to appoint a committee to install him at Washington. The Rev. Dr. Morris and Rev. C. P. Krauth were appointed, who reported that they had attended to the duty in March.

The Rev. J. M. Harkey requested the appointment of a committee to install him at Rossville, York county, Pa., but as that charge was in the bounds of the West Pennsylvania Synod, the President declined appointing such committee, and advised him to apply for a dismission to that Synod, who alone could regularly install him.

VI. *Dismissions.*

The Rev. J. P. Cline, having removed to Mount Jackson, Va., applied for and received an honorable dismission to the Synod of Virginia.

The Rev. J. M. Harkey asked and received an honorable dismission to the West Pennsylvania Synod, within whose bounds he is located. He subsequently informed me that he did not intend presenting it, but meet with our Synod this fall, and afterwards receive and present an honorable dismission to that Synod.

VII. *Admissions.*

In April last, I received through Dr. Morris, an honorable dismission from the Synod of Pennsylvania, dated March 20th, 1847, to the Rev. C. F. Heyer, who has thereby been received as a member of this body.

I have just received an honorable dismission from the Alleghany Synod to the Rev. P. Rizer, who is also received as a member of this body.

VIII. *Missions.*

The Washington Mission has been aided by the Home Missionary Society to the amount of $100, agreeably to the suggestions of Synod. Brother Graeff has labored with great zeal and his efforts have been crowned with success. Vigorous efforts are now making to complete the church edifice, in the accomplishment of which the aid of Synod is indispensable.

The Home Missionary Society has also established a German Mission in the city of Baltimore, granting $150 aid the first year. It was commenced by the Rev. C. F. Heyer, who has however resigned the charge of it, and it is now under the care of the Rev. Mr. Brandau.

IX. *Miscellanies.*

In May, I received through the Rev. J. F. Smith, Secretary of the Synod of Virginia, the following resolution passed by that body at its session in Churchville, Augusta county, Va., May 11th, 1847.

"*Resolved*, That in view of the friendly relations existing between the Maryland Synod and this body, we respectfully desire that said Synod change its purpose to hold its next session within the bounds of this Synod, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit to the President of the Maryland Synod a copy of this resolution."

After diligent enquiry relative to the actual present Synodical relation of Martinsburg, the President felt convinced that said resolution was based on an entire misapprehension of the facts in the case, and therefore could not change the place of meeting.

In June, I received a letter from the pastor and council of the Creagerstown congregation, requesting that the meeting of Synod might be appointed there, in case it was changed. I returned a negative reply.

In November, the Rev. Dr. Morris, Secretary of the Committee to make further enquiry into the claim of the Rev. C. F. Heyer against this Synod, transmitted to me the report of said Committee, which is herewith submitted, marked (A.)

The twenty-sixth resolution of the General Synod, makes it the duty of the Secretary to transmit to the Secretary of each District Synod, a copy of the Liturgy, requesting them to examine the same and instruct their delegates accordingly. This will claim your attention. The duty of electing, 4 clerical and 4 lay-delegates to the General Synod, will devolve upon Synod during its present session.

I have appointed Dr. Morris to preach on Home Missions, and Prof. Baugher, at communion.

May the wisdom that cometh from above characterize our deliberations, may harmony prevail in all our proceedings, and may the blessing of God rest upon, and the glory of God be promoted by all that we do. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. CONRAD, *President.*

The officers for the ensuing year were now elected, and are

REV. PROF. H. L. BAUGHER, *President.*
" " CHAS. A. HAY, *Secretary.*
" PHILIP WILLARD, *Treasurer.*

Rev. J. A. Brown was appointed by the President, as Assistant Secretary.

Rev. Prof. Reynolds, of the East Pa. Synod, and Rev. J. A. Seiss, of the Virginia Synod, were received as advisory members.

The Minutes of the last meeting of Synod were referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs. Heck, Willard and Stoever.

Various papers were now handed in, and referred to committees.

The Report of the Assistant Secretary of last year, on the Minutes of sister Synods, was read and ordered to be laid upon the table.

A letter from the Rev. Mr. Love, of the Presbyterian church in Martinsburg, was read, in which he tenders to the Synod the use of his church on the approaching Sabbath. The other pastors of the town also offered their churches through the Rev. J. Winter, whereupon it was

I. *Resolved*, That the Synod is thankful to the various congregations of the place for this expression of good will, and will be happy to avail itself of the privilege thus afforded.

Adjourned, after prayer by brother Harkey.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 2 *o'clock.*

Prayer by brother Startzman.

Minutes of the morning session read and adopted.

Committee No. 1 reported as follows:

"The Committee on the Minutes of last year, would respectfully report the following items of unfinished business:

1. On page 13, Resolution xv., the Rev. C. P. Krauth, Jr., was added to a committee previously appointed to adjust a matter, between this Synod and Rev. Mr. Heyer. Your committee would inquire, has this duty been discharged?

2. Page 14, Resolution xvii. By the resolution the President and Secretary are constituted a committee to carry out the resolution of the Synod with reference to the difficulty between the Rev. P. Sheurer and this Synod. Has the committee succeeded in this matter?

3. Page 14. We direct the attention of Synod to the absence of Rev. S. D. Heilig, and the instructions given to the Secretary to write to him on the subject.

4. Page 14. Dr. Kurtz and the officers of Synod are constituted a committee to correspond and co-operate with other denominations in order to obtain the repeal or alteration of the laws of the State of Maryland, fining ministers for marrying persons under age.

5. Page 20, Resolution xxix. This resolution authorizes the Secretary to pur-

chase a trunk for the use of Synod, and also to procure Certificates of Licensure and Ordination.

6. Page 20, Resolution xxxi. By this resolution, the brethren Reimensnyder, Heck, Bittle, Sentman and Schwartz, compose a committee to attend the examination in Pennsylvania College. Have they discharged this duty?

7. Page 21, Resolution xxxiv. The report on the revision of the Constitution was recommitted, with instructions to the committee to report at the next meeting of Synod, with the exception of Sec. 3, Chap. 7, which has been adopted.

8. Page 22, Resolution xxxiii. This resolution refers to the vacant congregations of Mercersburg, Welsh Run, &c., whose claims were recommended to the Executive Committee of the Home Missionary Society. What has been done for these congregations?

JOHN HECK,
P. WILLARD,
M. L. STOEVER,

Item 1. The committee here referred to, handed in the following report:

A meeting of the Committee on Mr. Heyer's claim against the Maryland Synod, was held at Dr. Kurtz's on Tuesday evening, Nov. 23, 1846. After an investigation of the whole subject, the committee came to the conclusion that Mr. Heyer was entitled to some additional compensation. Mr. H. claimed $170 00, being the unpaid balance of $400 00 originally voted to a Missionary on Fell's Point, Baltimore, but generously agreed to receive $70 00, which the committee have agreed to recommend the Synod to allow him.

J. G. MORRIS,
B. KURTZ.

II. *Resolved*, That this report be adopted, and Rev. Heyer be allowed $70 00.

Item 2. The committee here alluded to, presented their report, which was, however, not deemed satisfactory, and therefore recommitted with instructions to report again during the present meeting of Synod.

Item 3. In reference to Rev. S. D. Heilig, the action taken by Synod in the case was ordered not to be placed on the printed records.

Item 4. III. *Resolved*, That this Committee be continued.

Item 5. The Secretary reported that the duties assigned him had been discharged.

Item 6. Several members of this committee made verbal reports.

(The Rev. Mr. Love was here introduced to Synod and received as an advisory member.)

Item 7. This committee presented their report, which was accepted, and made the order of the day for Monday morning at half past nine o'clock.

Item 8. The congregations here referred to, not having applied to the Executive Committee, nothing was done in their behalf.

IV. *Resolved*, That the above report be adopted.

Rev. Charles Martin, M. D., was received as an advisory member.

Rev. J. E. Graeff presented his testimonials of good standing in the East Pennsylvania Synod, and requested to be received into this body. He was received.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and referred to an auditing committee, consisting of Messrs. Buckey and Bringman.

The Parochial Reports were now handed in and engrossed by the Assistant Secretary. (See Appendix No. 1.)

Committee No. 5 presented a report, on the first item of which the Synod took action. The item is as follows:

1. A letter from Rev. G. H. Brandau, late of the Pennsylvania Synod, now residing in Baltimore, in which he applies for admission into this Synod, and explains the causes of his personal absence.

Your Committee are of opinion that the grounds on which he excuses his non-attendance are valid, and as an accompanying document proves that he has been honorably dismissed from the Synod of Pennsylvania, they propose that he be received as a member of this Synod.

B. KURTZ,
C. CULLER,
CONRAD HILDEBRAND.

V. *Resolved*, That Rev. G. H. Brandau be received as a member of this body.

The remaining items of this report were recommitted.

Messrs. Morris, Kurtz and Walter were appointed a Committee to report a system of Bye-Laws and Rules for the government of Synod.

The report of the Directors of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg was now handed in, accepted and adopted. It reads as follows:

Report on the Seminary.

Your Directors of the Theological Seminary would report, that they have attended the examinations of the students and the meetings of the Board, since the last Synod.

In general, the examinations were satisfactory, especially at the late meeting in September.

We are happy to state, that from the Treasurer's Report we learn that the funds have accumulated, and that the whole financial department is in an encouraging condition.

The collections of the Alumni Association during the year have been $2400.

These facts demonstrate the usefulness of the Society, in which we hope all the members will continue to feel the deepest interest.

We have all deplored the severe calamity which visited the institution last winter. A malignant fever attacked a number of the students, which proved fatal to four. Never since its foundation, has the Seminary been so afflicted, and we pray that the surviving students may be properly humbled and sanctified under the chastening hand of Providence. The Board have adopted measures for the cleansing and ventilation of the house, and have so regulated the diet of the students who board themselves, that it is hoped a similar epidemic may never prevail again.

We regret to report that the number of students has not exceeded twelve during the last session, and that for several years past it has never exceeded sixteen,—and yet, as far as we know, every young man preparing for the ministry within many miles of Gettysburg, is connected with this institution.—We have deeply to deplore it that so few young men of our churches devote themselves to the gospel ministry.

Four young men have left the Seminary during the year to be licensed, all of whom finished the whole course of study.

As far as we know, seven will enter the institution this fall, so that from present appearances, the number of students next session will be about fifteen.

JNO. G. MORRIS,
S. W. HARKEY,
F. W. CONRAD,
JOHN HECK.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's account reported that they had attended to their duty and found all correct.

Adjourned, after prayer by brother Sentman.

THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 *o'clock.*

Prayer by brother Willard.

Minutes read and adopted.

Mr. Lawrence Rizer, a graduate of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, applied for admission. A committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Harkey, Krauth and Sentman, were appointed to examine him.

Rev. L. Eichelberger, of the Synod of Virginia, was received as an advisory member upon the presentation of the printed minutes of that body, from which it appeared, that he had been elected a delegate to this Synod.

Rev. Mr. Lipscomb, of the Methodist Episcopal church, was received as an advisory member.

Mr. Philip Diffenderfer, a lay-delegate from the Martinsburg congregation, presented his credentials and was received as a member of this Synod. Against this action of Synod, Rev. L. Eichelberger protested, in the name of the body represented by him.

The hour of half past nine having now arrived, the order of the day was taken up, being the report of the Committee on the revision of the Constitution. An animated discussion arose which was interrupted by the approach of the hour appointed for divine worship.

Adjourned, after prayer by the Secretary.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 2 *o'clock.*

Prayer by brother Hunt.

The discussion on the subject of the revision of the Constitution was resumed and continued until the hour of adjournment, when, after prayer by brother Conrad, the Synod adjourned to meet after divine service in the evening.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY EVENING, 8½ *o'clock.*

Prayer by the President.

The discussion of the subject regularly before the house was postponed, and made the order of the day for Monday morning.

Rev. Dr. Kurtz, at the request of the delegate from the Virginia Synod, presented a resolution on the subject of the boundaries of the Synods of Maryland and Virginia. This gave rise to a protracted discussion, which was interrupted, at a late hour, by the motion for adjournment.

Closed with prayer by brother Krauth.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 *o'clock.*

Minutes of the several previous sessions read and adopted.

A letter, now handed in, was referred to a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Bittle, Brown and Floyd.

VI. *Resolved*, That the consideration of the report of the Committee on the revision of the Constitution be postponed until half past three o'clock this afternoon, after a session of the Synodical Education Society shall have been held.

The boundary question was now taken up. The discussion resulted in the passage of a resolution which was subsequently ordered to be expunged from the Minutes.

The Committee, consisting of Messrs. Bittle, Brown and Floyd, reported that the communication entrusted to them was a letter from brother Lepley, containing his excuse for absence from the meeting of Synod. The Committee deem his reasons valid and recommend that he be excused.

VII. *Resolved*, That Rev. C. Lepley be excused for non-attendance at this meeting of Synod.

A paper was handed in to Synod, proposing a scheme for raising money for benevolent purposes, which was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Harkey, Bittle and Hamilton.

The election of delegates to the next General Synod was then entered into, and resulted in the choice of *Rev. Messrs. S. W. Harkey, Dr. B. Kurtz, Prof. H. L. Baugher* and *C. P. Krauth, Jr.*, with Rev. Messrs. Reimensnyder, Heck, Bittle and Morris, as their alternates. The lay-delegates elected were *Messrs. Geo. Shryock, Charles D. Hinks, Isaac Baugher* and *Prof. M. L. Stoever*, with Messrs. Hamilton, Buckey, Baker and Walter, as alternates.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 3½ *o'clock.*

The discussion on the revision of the Constitution was resumed, the question being on the adoption of the 4th Section of Chapter VIII. as amended, (viz: by the striking out of the clause "that of heterodoxy alone excepted.")

On motion of Rev. S. W. Harkey, sustained by Dr. Kurtz,

VIII. *Resolved*, That we reconsider the motion to strike out the above mentioned clause.

The question now before the house was "shall this clause be striken out?"

Whereupon it was

IX. *Resolved*, That the consideration of those items of the re-

port of the Committee on the revision of the Constitution which refer to the question of the Ministerium, be postponed until the next meeting of Synod.

Adjourned, after prayer by the Secretary.

EIGHTH SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 *o'clock.*

Opened with prayer by brother Willard.

Minutes read and adopted.

X. *Resolved,* That recognizing the State boundaries as the boundaries of the Synod of Maryland, the churches on the borders shall be permitted to retain what they regard as their present ecclesiastical relations; and if, in future, they wish to change them, they be permitted to connect themselves with the Synod which is most convenient to them, with the understanding that the intention to do so be first communicated to the Synod in whose bounds they are.

Committee No. 5, now handed in their revised report, which, after being amended, was adopted as follows:

1. A communication from the Rev. W. H. Smith, of Baltimore, asking permission of absence from Synod on the ground that "professional duties will not allow of his absence from Baltimore at the present time." He adds that he has resigned the pastoral charge of the church in Canton, and is willing to fill any Missionary station in Baltimore, without pecuniary compensation.

Your Committee propose that brother Smith be excused.

2. A letter from Rev. M. Wachter, of the Woodsboro' pastoral district, in which he assigns the great indebtedness of his charge as the cause for not sending contributions for Education or Missionary purposes. He has, however, at length succeeded in rescuing one of the houses of worship in his district, from the hands of the sheriff. He asks the appointment of a Committee to install him in his present churches, in Creagerstown, on Friday the 12th of November ensuing, at 10 o'clock, A. M. He suggests the appointment of brothers Hauer and Bittle, on account of their proximity and wishes any one of them to remain over Sunday. He would be gratified if the President of Synod would also attend.

He sends his parochial report as follows:

Congregations, 6; Baptisms, 78; do. Adults, 4; Confirmations, 67; Communicants, 603, Deaths, 32; Sunday Schools, Union, 6; Prayer-meetings, 5.

He informs us that it was out of his power to attend Synod.

Your committee propose that brother Wachter be excused and his wish complied with.

In proposing that brothers Smith and Wachter be excused, it is due to your committee to remark, that we by no means regard their excuses as adequate to justify their absence, but have been controlled by a series of precedents into which the Synod has gradually glided and according to which absentees have been habitually ex-

cused on inadequate grounds. We are, however, of opinion, that the time has arrived when this evil should by all means be corrected. If it be proper for our ministers to meet at all in Synod, then it is equally the duty and privilege of all to attend, and none should be excused except for solid and sufficient reasons. Your Committee, therefore, with a view to bring about a reform on this subject, beg leave to recommend the incorporation of the following section in the new Constitution about to be adopted, viz:

No minister or licentiate shall be absent from the meeting of the Synod *without the most urgent necessity*. In case of non-attendance, he shall send to the Synod a written apology, stating the cause of his absence. A mere declaration that it was out of his power or impossible to attend, shall not be regarded as satisfactory, neither shall official duties or pastoral engagements constitute a sufficient excuse. None but high and imperious considerations shall be deemed adequate. Any minister or licentiate violating this provision, shall be called to account by the President at the next Synod, and a vote that the absentee is not excused shall be understood to convey a tacit censure. If any minister or licentiate be absent from two successive Synods and neglect to send a written excuse, or if the excuses sent be not sustained by a majority of the Synod, the delinquent shall be subject to the discipline of the Synod.

B. KURTZ,
C. CULLER,
C. HILDEBRAND.

Dr. Martin now addressed the Synod for a short time on the subject of Foreign Missions, and bade the Synod farewell.

Prof. Stoever, Rev. J. J. Reimensnyder and delegate, and Mr. C. Hamilton, asked and obtained permission to leave.

Committee No. 4 handed in a report which was accepted and laid upon the table.

The Report of the Assistant Secretary of last year was now taken up, in regard to which it was

XI. *Resolved*, That the present Secretary be instructed to abridge this report, and insert into the accompanying statistical table as much information as he can collect in reference to the Lutheran Church in this country. (For the Statistical Table, see Appendix No. 2.)

REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF SISTER SYNODS.

I. Synods connected with the General Synod.

New York Ministerium.—Fifty-second Session—New Germantown, N. J., Sept. 4th, 1847. Officers:—Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D. D., Albany, N. Y., President; Rev. J. R. Keiser, New Germantown, N. J., Secretary; Rev. C. A. Smith, Rhinebeck, N. Y., Treasurer. This body contains 30 ordained ministers and 8 licentiates, six of whom were admitted at the last session. One of these, a Norwegian by birth, has located at Chicago, with the intention of laboring there among his destitute

countrymen. These brethren have established a mission at Buffalo, where they have purchased a fine church. Rev. L. Sternberg, their Missionary, is laboring there with encouraging prospects. They are co-operating with the Synod of Pennsylvania in the preparation of a new German Hymn Book. Hartwick Seminary, which is patronized by this Synod, is described as in a flourishing condition; there are at present 53 students connected with it. They are establishing a fund for disabled clergymen.

2. *Hartwick Synod.*—The Minutes of this body were not received.

3. *East Pennsylvania Synod.*—Convened at Milton, Sept. 24th, 1846. Officers: Rev. J. Ruthrauff, Milton, President; Rev. G. Diehl, Easton, Secretary; Rev. A. Wieting, Middletown, Treasurer. This Synod numbers 24 ministers. They sustain a Home Missionary at Wilkesbarre; suggest the establishment of a mission among the Swedes and Norwegians of Iowa, and the neighboring States and Territories, by the General Synod's Home Missionary Society. They are educating 7 young men for the ministry at Gettysburg. The report on the state of religion in their bounds is very encouraging, forming a striking contrast with that of the previous year.

4. *Synod of West Pennsylvania.*—Twenty-second Session—Chambersburg, Sept. 24th, 1846. Officers: Rev. J. Oswald, York, President; Rev. S. Sprecher, Chambersburg, Secretary; Rev. M. Jacobs, Gettysburg, Treasurer. Number of ministers, 42. No business of much moment was transacted at this meeting. Our Minutes were received and handed to a Committee, but no report was made upon them.—The President's Report is characterized by energy and a strict observance of the Constitution, in which he was fully sustained by the subsequent action of the Synod.

5. *Alleghany Synod.*—Sixth Session—Schellsburg, Bedford Co., Sept. 3d, 1846. Officers: Rev. P. Rizer, Somerset, President; Rev. J. Winecoff, Secretary; Rev. W. G. Laitzle, Treasurer. These brethren are somewhat peculiar in their mode of examing candidates for licensure, appointing a Committee, to each member of which the examination of the applicants upon a particular subject is assigned. This examination is held in the presence of the Ministerium. They sustain 3 Beneficiaries at Gettysburg. This Synod employs a Missionary in Huntingdon and vicinity at $33,00 a month.

6. *Pittsburg Synod.*—Fourth Session—Leechburg, Armstrong Co., May 27th, 1847. Officers:—Rev. M. J. Steck, President; Rev. G. F. Ehrenfeld, Secretary; Mr. G. Weyman, Pittsburg, Treasurer. The Academy, under the supervision of this Synod, hitherto located at Connoquenessing, has been removed to Leechburg. The Synod sustains four Beneficiaries in this Institution. Eleven new churches have been erected within their bounds during the past year. This Synod is particularly active in the work of Home Missions. Each member of Synod *is required to spend one week annually* in the Missionary field within their bounds.

7. *English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio.*—Eleventh Session—Mansfield, Richland Co., Oct. 15th, 1846. Rev. S. Ritz, President; Rev. J. G. Harris, Shanesville, Secretary; Rev. J. Seidle, Treasurer. These brethren were called upon to mourn the death of Rev. J. B. Reck, a highly esteemed member of their body.—They rejoice in the prosperity of Wittenberg College, in which they feel a lively interest. Numerous vacant congregations call upon them for supplies of the word of life.

8. *Synod of Miami.*—Minutes not received.

9. *Wittenberg Synod.*—First Session—Washingtonville, Columbiana Co., June 8th, 1847. This is a new Synod, comprising that portion of country previously contained within the limits of the English Synod of Ohio that lies West of a line commencing at Cleaveland, and running thence to Ashland, thence to Mt. Vernon, and thence to Springfield. Such a division was deemed advisable on account of the somewhat unwieldy dimensions of the English Synod. Nine ministers at present compose this body. They united with the General Synod, adopting its Government and Discipline and Hymn Book. Passed resolutions condemnatory of Free-Masonry and Odd-Fellowship. They call for a more comprehensive work on Systematic Theology than our church in this country at present possesses.

10. *Synod of Illinois.*—First and Second Sessions—Hillsboro', Oct. 15th, 1846—St. John's church, Union Co., August 5th, 1847. Rev. F. Springer, President; Rev. A. A. Trimper, Secretary; Rev. W. Hunderdosse, Treasurer. This is also a new Synod, formed out of the Illinois fragments of the Synod of the West. They enter with much spirit into the work of Home Missions and have a wide field before them. Their newly founded College and Theological Seminary are located at Hillsboro'. Its prospects are encouraging. $1100,00 have been funded, and 70 or 80 students are expected next session. They call for an improvement of the General Synod's Hymn Book. Passed resolutions in favor of colonization.

11. *Virginia Synod.*—Seventeenth Session—Churchville, Augusta Co., May 6th, 1847. Officers: Rev. S. Wagner, President; Rev. J. F. Smith, Jr., Winchester, Secretary; Rev. J. F. Campbell, Treasurer. Our Virginia brethren were called upon at their last meeting to mourn the death of Rev. S. Oswald. They have abandoned the enterprise of erecting a church at Staunton. They request of their pastors to furnish for Synod and for the Lutheran Historical Society, the history of their church or churches.

12. *Synod of South Western Virginia.*—Wanting.

13. *Synod of North Carolina.*—Forty-first Session—Organ church, Rowan Co., April 30th, 1847. Rev. S. Rothrock, President; Rev. J. A. Lynn, Recording Secretary: Rev. W. G. Harter, Corresponding Secretary; Mr. M. Barrier, Treasurer. This Synod appears to increase but slowly. In existence upwards of forty years it numbers but twelve ministers. There is great destitution within their bounds; in four counties there is provision made for occasional preaching by the neighboring pastors. They instructed their officers to endeavor to re-establish friendly intercourse with the Tennessee Synod. They support one Missionary in destitute portions of their bounds, and in part also another.

14. *Synod of South Carolina and Adjacent States.*—Twenty-third Session—Charleston, Nov. 14th, 1846. Rev. J. C. Hope, President; Rev. W. Berley, Secretary; Col. W. Caughman, Treasurer. Their Home Missions and the Theological Seminary at Lexington were among the most interesting subjects that occupied the attention of these brethren at this meeting. They support a Missionary in Georgia; pay particular attention to the instruction of the slaves of their church members; have a Widow's Fund of $1305,00; provided for additional instruction in the Seminary at Lexington, where there are at present 8 students, 3 of whom are Theological and 5 Preparandi.

II. Synods not connected with the General Synod.

1. *Synod of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States.*—One Hundredth Session—Philadelphia, May 30th, 1847. Officers: Rev. Dr. Ernst, President; Rev. C. F. Welden, East Vincent, Secretary; Rev. Dr. Baker, Treasurer. This Synod, the mother of us all, celebrated its Centennial Jubilee upon the present occasion. Among the important acts of this session were the re-election of Mr. Heyer as Missionary to Guntoor; the establishment of a Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, under the care of Dr. Demme; the determination to patronize the Hirtenstimme; to publish a new German Hymn-Book; to send to the Gustav Adolph Verein of Germany, the assurance of their cordial favor, &c. There is a surplus of $1670,84 in their Missionary Treasury.

2. *General Synod of Ohio.*

1.) *Eastern District Synod of Ohio.*—Ninth Session—Pittsburg, Sept. 3d, 1846. Rev. Mechling, President; Rev. Schweizerbarth, Secretary; Rev. Kuchler, Treas'r. The General Synod's letter to Germany was disparagingly noticed, and a resolution was passed making it the duty of candidates for licensure to subscribe the Symbolical Books. They declare new measures to be contrary to Scripture and the Symbolical Books; maintain baptismal regeneration and assert the bodily presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

2.) *Western District Synod of Ohio.*—Minutes not received.

3. *English Evangelical Synod of Ohio.*—Twelfth Session.—Washingtonville, Columbiana county, Ohio, June 3d, 1847. Rev. S. Ritz, President; Rev. J. G. Harris, Secretary; and Rev. W. J. Sloan, Treasurer. At the present session, the new Synod of Wittenberg was formed, by a friendly secession of those brethren that resided west of a certain line. This body patronizes the new Institution at Springfield, in which they appear warmly interested. They urgently recommend a full collegiate course to all who design to study theology, though they leave the decision in each case at the discretion of the Theological Faculty.

Franckean Synod.—Tenth Session—Richmondville, June 3d, 1847. Rev. Dieffendorff, President; Rev. Ottman, Secretary; and Rev. Wieting, Treasurer. The President in his Synodical report denies the justice of the imputation of Arianism that has been commonly cast upon this body, and declares their belief in "the essential divinity of Jesus Christ and in the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost." Interesting revivals are reported in the charges of Rev. Messrs. Ottman, Porter and Empie. The Synod feels a deep interest in the Bible and Tract cause, in Sabbath Schools, Anti-slavery and Temperance, Peace and Missions. They sustain a Missionary in Wisconsin. Our Minutes were not received by them. Their quarterly Conferences are well attended to. They manifest much concern for the prosperity of Hartwick Seminary, and propose the establishment of a Female Seminary at the same place. They approve of Conventions for the promotion of Christian Union. They admit theological students, in their sessions, as advisory members. In their recently revised Constitution, we notice that they regard the individual churches as supreme, and the action of Synod as merely advisory. They make the Bishops amenable for conduct and doctrinal views to the whole Synod, and any action in regard to this subject is participated in by the laity. The character of each minister is reviewed at each meeting of Synod. They entrust to the District Conferences the power of granting ad interim licenses.

German Evangelical Synod of Missouri.—From a correspondent of the Observer we gather the following facts in reference to this body. It was recently organized and numbers 29 ministers, residing in six different States. The officers are: Rev. C. F. W. Walther, President; Rev. Dr. Sihler, Vice President; Rev. Husman, Secretary; and Rev. Barthel, Treasurer. There are some ministers in partial connection with this Synod, not being allowed to vote, inasmuch as their congregations do not approve of the organization or send delegates. They speak of establishing a Seminary at Fort Wayne, to be sustained by donations from Germany. They stand in close connection with the Missionary Society of Nürenberg, and have invited the celebrated old Lutheran, Löhe, to be present at their next meeting. As something quite new we notice an annual visitation of all the churches by the President of Synod, in the capacity of inquisitor general.

Committee No. 1, now reported as follows:

The Committee to whom was handed the President's Address, respectfully report, that it is entirely a business document, and that it contains several items which claim the action of Synod.

1. The first relates to the reception of the brethren C. F. Heyer and P. Rizer, as members of this Synod. Your Committee would move that the action of the President in the case of these brethren be confirmed.

2. In regard to the Rev. J. A. Seiss, who has located within our bounds but, as the President informs us, has not as yet united with this Synod, we would move the following resolution:

Resolved, That as the English Evangelical Lutheran congregation in Cumberland, has always been in connection with this body, and as that connection has never been dissolved, their pastor be desired to connect himself with this Synod.

3. The President introduces a resolution passed by our brethren of the Virginia Synod, remonstrating against the holding of our present session in Martinsburg, which they say is within their bounds. In regard to this matter your Committee would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of our President, in declining to change the place of meeting of the Synod, be sustained; and that, inasmuch as the congregation in Martinsburg, as well as their late pastor, are at this time, and were at the time when the present place of meeting was chosen, in connection with the Maryland Synod, therefore there is no breach of good order or want of courtesy towards our Virginia brethren in holding the present session of this Synod in Martinsburg.

4. Your Committee regard the action of the President in reference to the congregation at Boonsboro', as judicious, and therefore move that it be approved by Synod, and that that congregation hereafter stand connected with the Funkstown district.

5. Your Committee would unite with the President in again commending St. Paul's church in Washington, to the Executive Committee of the Home Missionary Society, and to the generous aid and sympathy of the churches connected with this Synod.

In conclusion, your Committee move the adoption of the President's report, and that, as usual, it be printed with our Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. HARKEY,
JNO. G. MORRIS.

The resolutions proposed in the above paper were agreed to and the report, as a whole, adopted.

The Committee consisting of Messrs. Conrad and Heck, presented the following report:

The Committee appointed to visit the Silver Run congregation, in order to carry out the resolution of Synod, beg leave to report that the Rev. C. Reimensnyder was invited to preach to them, which he accordingly did; that they held an election and elected the Rev. Sheurer again.

The Committee addressed a letter to one of the council stating the action of Synod and begging that an appointment should be made for the assembling of the congregation on a certain day, when they expected to meet them, but no reply was returned stating that the appointment had been made as requested, and therefore the Committee considered it useless to visit them.

This report was adopted, the Committee discharged, and it was

XII. *Resolved*, That the Silver Run congregation be regarded as no longer connected with this Synod.

The time and place of the next meeting of Synod were now determined upon. The Synod will meet in Cumberland, Md., (at the request of the English congregation,) on the Thursday before the third Sunday in October.

Rev. J. E. Graeff having described the condition of the English Lutheran church of St. Paul, at Washington, with which he is at present connected, the Synod expressed its high gratification at the encouraging prospects of the Mission, and unanimously

XIII. *Resolved*, That the Rev. J. E. Graeff be invited to visit all the charges connected with this Synod and present the claims of his church; and that the pastors pledge themselves cordially to co-operate with him.

XIV. *Resolved*, That five hundred copies of the proceedings of this body be printed.

XV. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the pastoral charges of this Synod, to pay the expenses incurred by their ministers and lay-delegates in going to and returning from Synod.

The unfinished business of the previous session, viz: the report of the Committee on the revision of the Constitution, was now called for and taken up, when a paper was presented by Professor Baugher, designed as a compromise on the ministerial question.

Laid on the table.

The Committee appointed to prepare a system of Bye-Laws for

the use of the Synod presented their report, which, after being amended was adopted. (See Appendix No. 3.)

Adjourned after prayer by brother Harkey.

NINTH SESSION.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 2 *o'clock.*

Prayer by brother Brown.

After the reading and adoption of the Minutes, the Rev. J. A. Seiss presented to the Synod the second, third and fourth numbers of his Lectures on the Epistle to the Hebrews, whereupon it was

XVI. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Synod be returned to the Rev. J. A. Seiss for these volumes, and that they be bound and preserved among the archives of the Synod.

The Rev. Mr. Bates, of the Methodist Protestant church, was introduced to the Synod and received as an advisory member.

The report of the Committee on the revision of the Constitution was again taken up and a number of sections adopted, when it was

XVII. *Resolved*, That the further consideration of this subject be postponed until the next meeting of Synod.

On motion a Committee was now appointed to report on the propriety of forming a Missionary station at Harper's Ferry, Weverton, &c. This Committee consists of Messrs. Willard, Conrad and Hamilton.

XVIII. *Resolved*, That the President return the thanks of the Synod to the citizens of Martinsburg and its vicinity, for their kindness and hospitality during our stay in their midst.

Dr. Kurtz was appointed a delegate from this body to the Synod of West Pennsylvania, with Rev. J. Heck as his alternate; Rev. F. W. Conrad to the Synod of East Pennsylvania, with Rev. J. Heck as his alternate; Rev. C. P. Krauth, Jr., to the Synod of Virginia, with Rev. C. Startzman as his alternate; and Rev. J. A. Seiss to the Alleghany Synod, with Rev. P. Rizer as his alternate.

The Committee to whom was referred a paper proposing the adoption of a new plan of raising money for benevolent purposes, begged leave to be continued, with permission to report at the next meeting of Synod. Granted.

XIX. *Resolved*, That a Committee of five be appointed to attend the semi-annual examinations of Pennsylvania College.

This Committee consists of Rev. Messrs. Sentmun, Reimensnyder, Heck, Schwartz and Bittle.

Adjourned after prayer by Dr. B. Kurtz.

A true copy. CHARLES A. HAY, *Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MINISTERIUM.

TUESDAY EVENING, 4 *o'clock.*

The Committee appointed to examine Mr. Lawrence Rizer, reported that they had examined him and "regard him as qualified for usefulness in the ministry of our church. The examination was entirely satisfactory and we would recommend the applicant for license."

S. W. HARKEY,
S. SENTMAN,
C. P. KRAUTH.

I. *Resolved,* That Mr. L. Rizer be licensed this evening.

The Committee appointed to examine the journals, &c., of Messrs. Harkey and Nixdorff, reported as follows:

1. The journals of brothers J. Harkey and G. A. Nixdorff. The former received and accepted a call from the Rossville charge and commenced his labors of love among them in November, 1846. His journal has been kept regularly and evinces a great deal of zeal and activity in the cause of Christ.

Brother Nixdorff has thus far been without a regular charge, but from his journal it appears that he has been employed during the past year in assisting the brethren in the vicinity of Frederick, and manifests an ardent desire to be useful in the church.

2. Several sermons from these brethren. We have examined them and found them to be well written, of a practical character and calculated to accomplish much good.

JOHN WINTER,
DANIEL J. HAUER,
E. SCHWARTZ.

This report was adopted.

Messrs. John Graeff, J. M. Harkey and G. A. Nixdorff, having applied for ordination, it was

II. *Resolved,* That these brethren be ordained, the first in his

church at its approaching consecration, and the remaining two this evening.

Messrs. Kurtz, Winter and Hauer, were appointed to perform the ceremony upon the present occasion.

III. *Resolved*, That Rev. S. Sentman preach an ordination sermon at the next meeting of Synod, if an ordination take place.

IV. *Resolved*, That the brethren Hauer and Reimensnyder, Sr., constitute a Committee to install the Rev. M. Wachter, according to his request.

V. *Resolved*, That Rev. Drs. Morris and Kurtz, procure a seal for the use of the Synod and Ministerium.

Adjourned with prayer by the President.

A true copy. CHARLES A. HAY, *Secretary.*

SYNODICAL EDUCATION SOCIETY.

FIRST SESSION.

MONDAY EVENING, *Oct.* 18, 1847.

Prayer by brother C. Reimensnyder.

I. *Resolved*, That the reading of the Minutes of last year be dispensed with.

II. *Resolved*, That the officers of last year be continued.

They are as follows:

REV. PROF. H. L. BAUGHER, *President.*
" JOHN HECK, *Secretary.*
" PROF. C. A. HAY, *Treasurer.*

In the absence of the Treasurer of the Parent Society, Dr. D. Gilbert, Prof. Baugher presented and read his report, which is as follows:

The undersigned, Treasurer of the Parent Education Society, respectfully renders the following report to the Auxiliary Society of the Synod of Maryland, for the year ending October 8th, 1847.

MARYLAND SOCIETY,	DR.	
To balance due as per report in October, 1846, - - - -		$1,367 03
1846.—Nov'r.—To cash paid six Beneficiaries for first Winter quarter, each $30, - - - - - - - -	$180 00	
1847.—Jan. 9.—To cash paid six Beneficiaries for second Winter quarter, each $30, - - - - - - -	180 00	
" June.—To cash paid seven Beneficiaries for first Summer session, $20 each, - - - - - -	140 00	
" Aug.—To cash paid seven Beneficiaries for second Summer session, $20 each, - - - - - - -	140 00	
To postage for one year, - - - - - - - -	75	
		$640 75
		$2,007 78
By amount paid in during the year, - - - - - - -		763 95
		$1,243 83
Interest on $1,000 for one year, - - - - - - - -		60 00
		$1,303 83

GETTYSBURG, *October 8th*, 1847.

AUXILIARY SOCIETY OF MARYLAND,			Cr
1846.—October.—	By cash paid in at Synod and collection,	- -	$246 50
" December.—	Rev. C. P. Krauth's church, Baltimore,	- -	12 00
" "	" J. J. Reimensnyder's churches, Smithsburg,		72 00
1847.—February.	" Dr. Morris, Baltimore,	- - - -	54 00
" "	Refunded by J. Haflich,	- - - - -	8 75
" March.	Ladies' Sewing Society, Frederick city,	- -	100 00
" "	Rev. C. Startzman, St. Paul's church,	- - -	39 00
" April.	" S. Sentman, Fountain-dale,	- - -	15 12½
" "	" D. Bittle's charge, Middletown,	- - -	130 00
" May.	" Dr. Morris, several ladies,	- - -	7 83
" June.	" Prof. Baugher, Christ's church,	- - -	26 75
" August.	St. John's church, Middletown, Valley,	- -	21 00
" September.	Dr. Morris,	- - - - - - -	22 00
" October.	"	- - - - - - - -	9 00
GETTYSBURG, *October 8th*, 1847.			$763 95

Adopted.

Payments made at Synod.

Rev. Dr. Morris, - - - -	$19 50
" D. J. Hauer, - - - -	44 07
" J. J. Reimensnyder, - - -	60 00
" F. W. Conrad, - - -	60 00
" P. Willard, - - - -	35 00
" C. Culler, - - - -	37 00
" J. Heck, - - - - -	50 00
" E. Schwartz, - - -	16 40
Synodical Society, - - - -	31 00
Collection in the Martinsburg congregation,	
Rev. J. M. Harkey, - - -	7 00
" S. Sentman, - - - -	19 00

III. *Resolved*, That we make an especial effort to raise $2,000 during the year.

Pledges the coming year to liquidate the debt and support six Beneficiaries.

	Debt.	*Support.*
Rev. Dr. Morris,	$75 00	$75 00
" S. W. Harkey,	50 00	50 00
" D. J. Hauer,	40 00	40 00
" S. Sentman,	50 00	50 00
" J. J. Reimensnyder,	50 00	50 00
" F. W. Conrad,	40 00	60 00
" P. Willard,	50 00	
" Prof. H. L. Baugher,	50 00	
" C. Culler,	35 00	35 00
" J. Heck,	20 00	50 00
" D. F. Bittle,	100 00	75 00
Mr. Diffenderfer,	25 00	

Messrs. Buckey and Hamilton, paid into the Treasury $50 00 for the support of a particular student.

IV. *Resolved*, That Mr. Martz have permission to remit his studies for three months to teach school.

V. *Resolved*, That brother Krauth preach on the subject of Education at the next meeting of Synod.

VI. *Resolved*, That brother Probst be not permitted to abridge his course of study.

Adjourned after prayer by the President.

True copy of the Minutes. JOHN HECK, *Secretary*.

(APPENDIX No. 1.)—PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

	PASTORS.	Congregations.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmations.	Communicants.	Admissions from other Luth. churches.	Admissions from other denominations.	Dismissions to Lutheran churches.	Dismissions to other denominations.	Excommunications.	Deaths. Infants.	Deaths. Adults.	Sabbath Schools. Lutheran.	Sabbath Schools. Union.	Sabbath Schools. Teachers.	Sabbath Schools. Scholars.	Prayer Meetings.	Other Meetings.	Synod.	Education.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Local Objects.	External Objects.	RESIDENCE.
1	Rev. J. D. Kurtz, D. D., - -																									
2	" B. Kurtz, D. D., - -																									
3	" M. Wachter, - - -	6	78	4	67	603						32			6			5								
4	" J. Winter, - - -	1	18		5	87						2	2	1		12	55									Martinsburg, Va.
5	" J. G. Morris, D. D., - -	1	33	1	10	253						4	4	1		40	225			$10 00	$125 00				$520 00	Baltimore.
6	" S. W. Harkey, - -	1	60	1	15	330					2			2		40	300	3	2	10 00	100 00				165 00	Frederick, Md.
7	" S. D. Heilig, - - -																									
8	" D. J. Hauer, - - -	4	35	15	46	327	5					4	4	1	3	36	250	3	1	5 00				$210 00		Jefferson, Md.
9	" C. Startzman, - - -	3	53	7	23	430							6	3	2	40	400	5		15 00						Startzman.
10	" S. Sentman, - - -	3	64		52	870		1		3		8	13		9					5 00						
11	" J. J. Reimensnyder, - -	4	22	2	14	400						20	11	4		50	250	3		5 00	60 00	$10 00			268 00	Smithsburg, Md.
12	" F. W. Conrad, - -	1	31	2	10	461	6	4	3			12	8	2	1	70	450	4	2	5 00	60 00	50 00	$25 00	2000 00	320 00	Hagerstown, Md.
13	" P. Willard, - - -	2	58	18	78	490		3	14		2	14	15	4	3	60	300	7	4	5 00	35 00			500 00	50 00	Loudon Co., Va.
14	" Prof. H. L. Baugher, -	1	8			250	1				1	8	2	2		16	75	1	1	5 00	50 00		50 00	350 00		Gettysburg, Pa.
15	" C. P. Krauth, - - -																									
16	" C. Weyl, (1846,) - -	2	313		44	660								1				1								
17	" C. Lepley, - - - -	5	42	1	19	203					1			2				5								
18	" W. Hunt, - - -	4	10		5	157		12						2				2		4 00						
19	" C. Culler, - - - -	4	40	6	10	272		1				7	3	1	2	43	165	3	1	3 00	37 00	10 00				Funkstown, Md.
20	" Prof. C. A. Hay, - -																									
21	" S. D. Finckel, - - -																									
22	" B. Appleby, - - -																									
23	" D. F. Bittle, - - -	2	90	4	75	550		1	5		1	10	12	3	5	102	510	10		5 00	151 00	30 25		3000 00	257 00	Middletown, Md.
24	" J. Heck, - - - -	3	33	10	40	400						5	6	3		50	200	3	1	5 00	50 00	40 00		250 00	150 00	Waynesboro', Pa.
25	" W. H. Smith, - - -																									
26	" E. Schwartz, - - -	5	76	1	25	578					1	10	10	1	1	20		3	1	4 00	16 40	5 00	3 00	30 00	40 00	Manchester, Md.
27	" J. A. Brown, - - -	1	4		11	86	2					1		1		30	275	3								Baltimore.
28	" C. Reimensnyder, - -	6	13			340	5					5	3					2				17 76				
29	" George A. Nixdorf, - -																									
30	" George S. Fouke, - -																									
31	" J. M. Harkey, - - -	3	7	2	8	104		3						2				2								
32	" J. E. Graeff, - - -	1	4		16	55	1							1		16	70	1						1000 00		Washington, D. C.
33	" J. A. Seiss, - - -	1	8		4	200	9	2					2	1		15		1								Cumberland, Md.
	Ger. cong'tion, Washington, no report,																									
	Cumberland charge, (1846,) -	4	103		42	600								2												
	Lombard street charge, Balt., no report,	1																								
	Canton, Baltimore, no report, -	1																								
	Total, - - - - - -	74	1195	74	615	8995	20	25	22	3	8	141	99	39	29	625	3725	70	13	$86 00	$667 40	$163 01	$78 00	$7340 00	$1760 00	

APPENDIX No. 2.

STATISTICAL VIEW OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

SYNODS.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Confirmations.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Admissions.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.
1. New York Ministerium,	31	35	5009	294	1416	5	166	66	29
2. Hartwick Synod, - -	21	25	3500	85	216	18	31		
3. Franckean Synod, -	27	38	2309	42	93	6	16		11
4. Synod of Pennsylvania, -	71	229	27138	2060	4974			1850	85
5. Synod of East Pennsylvania,	24	47	5086	400	486			120	51
6. Synod of West Pennsylvania,	32	122	13327	1008	774	94	37	587	112
7. Alleghany Synod, -	20	78	5078	345	486	50	59	150	43
8. Pittsburg Synod, - -	23	85	4335	335	643	57	116	123	53
9. *Joint Synod of Ohio.* Germ. West. Dist.	35	113	12008	450	341			452	33
" Eastern "	21	67	6577	480	1182			317	29
English District.	38		2827	149	317			72	20
10. English Synod of Ohio,	37	114	5259	505	531	124	80	95	64
11. Miami Synod, - -	20	37	1940	159	158	36	101		12
12. Wittenberg Synod, -	10*	20*	1000*						
13. German Evan. Luth. Synod of Indianapolis, - -	4	10*	600*						
14. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Michigan, - -	9	20*	1000*						
15. German Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and adjacent States,	29	40*	2000*						
16. Synod of Illinois, - -	7	15	685	31	41	1		27	2
17. Synod of the South-West,									
18. Maryland Synod, -	33	74	8995	615	1195	74	45	240	68
19. Virginia Synod, - -	20	27	1489	104			15	32	
20. Synod of Central Virginia,									
21. Synod of South-Western Virginia, - - - -	8	23	1516	25	114	28	8		7
22. Tennessee Synod, -									
23. Synod of Indiana, - -									
24. Synod of North Carolina,	12	24	2082	162	229	23	12	97	4
25. Synod of South Carolina,	21	46	3071	324	300	148		154	17
Total, - - -	553	1284	116930	7573	13455	664	696	4602	630

*Estimated.

APPENDIX No. 3.

BYE-LAWS

OF THE

SYNOD OF MARYLAND.

I.

THE PRESIDENT.

It is the duty of the President to call the members to order at the proper time; to announce the business in its order, before the Synod; to receive and submit all motions presented by the members; put to vote all questions regularly moved, and announce the result; to enforce the observance of order in the debate, and decorum among the members; to receive and announce communications; to authenticate by his signature, when necessary, the acts and proceedings of the Synod; to inform the Synod when necessary, or when referred to for the purpose, on a point of order or practice; to name Committees, when directed in a particular case, or when it is made a part of his general duty by a rule; and in general, to represent and stand for the Synod, declaring its will, and in all things obeying implicitly its commands.

In case of the absence of the President, or of his withdrawing from the chair, for the purpose of participating in the business, a presiding officer may be called to the chair by the President. The President should rise to state a motion, or put a question to the Synod, should give the closest attention to each speaker, remembering that but one subject can be before the Synod at once, and when brought into doubt as to his manner of proceeding, should remember that the great purpose of all rules and forms, is to subserve the will of the Synod, rather than restrain it, to facilitate and not obstruct the expression of their deliberate sense.

II.

THE SECRETARY.

The principal duty of the Secretary is, to preserve the record of what is done and passed, not including what is merely said or moved; to call the roll of the Synod when a call is ordered, read papers required to be read; notify Committees of their appointment; authenticate all the proceedings of the Synod by his signature; and preserve the papers and books belonging to the Synod. The Secretary should stand while reading or calling the Synod.

III.

THE MEMBERS.

All members have an equal privilege of submitting, explaining and advocating propositions.

No member in the course of debate shall be allowed to indulge in personal reflections.

If more than one member rise to speak at the same time, the member that is most distant from the President's chair shall speak first.

If any member consider himself aggrieved by a decision of the President, it shall be his privilege to appeal to the Synod, and the question on such appeal shall be taken without debate.

No member should decline voting on any question unless excused by the Synod, and silent members should be considered as acquiescing with the majority, unless excused from voting.

Every proposition before the Synod shall be reduced to writing.

IV.

INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT.

A proposition may be suppressed entirely by the motion for indefinite postponement. As an indefinite adjournment is equivalent to the dissolution of an assembly, the indefinite postponement of a subject, entirely disposes of it.

A subject thus postponed cannot be called up again in the same session of that day, unless by the consent of three-fourths of the members who were present at the session.

V.

LAYING ON THE TABLE.

A proposition may be postponed for information, or reflection and examination, or for opportunity to attend to something else claiming present attention.

If laid on the table for this purpose, it may be taken up by motion, at the convenience of the Synod; if postponed to a particular hour, it must be taken up at the time specified; if laid on the table to give place to other business, if not called up by motion, it remains as though indefinitely postponed.

VI.

REFERENCE TO COMMITTEES.

A proposition may be referred to a standing or select Committee, with discretionary power, or with general or particular instruction; or parts of the proposition may be referred to different Committees for the purpose of having the subject more thoroughly considered, and presented to the Synod in a more satisfactory manner.

VII.

DIVISION OF A QUESTION.

When a proposition comprises several distinct parts, which are so far independent of each other as to be susceptible of division into several questions, and it is supposed that the Synod may approve of some, but not of all these parts, by the order of the Synod, on a motion regularly made and seconded, (or at the request of the President or any member, if there be no objection,) that proposition may be divided, and the parts considered separately, as so many distinct motions.

VIII.

FILLING BLANKS.

Blanks left in a proposition by the mover, may be filled by vote of the Synod, taking the question upon the largest number, and the longest time first.

IX.

SIMPLIFYING QUESTIONS.

Matter embraced in two propositions, may be reduced to one by reference to a Committee, with instructions, or by rejecting one and adding the substance of its meaning to the other, in an amendment.

A mover may not modify or withdraw his own motion, after discussion, if any member object, without a formal vote.

Nor may a member accept an amendment to his proposition after discussion, without its being passed by vote, if any member object.

X.

AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to a proposition, should be proposed in the order of its paragraphs. Amendments may be made in three ways, by striking out words, by inserting words, or by striking out some words and inserting others. There may be an amendment to an amendment, but not an amendment to that amendment. The last amendment should be taken first, and all motions in that order.

Whatever is agreed to by the Synod, on a vote either adopting or rejecting a proposed amendment, cannot be afterwards altered or amended.

Whatever is not agreed to, in a proposed amendment, by the Synod, on a vote, cannot be afterwards moved.

The inconsistency of a proposed amendment, with one which has already been adopted, is a ground for its rejection by the Synod, upon a vote, but not by the President.

Amendments may be made to a proposition not only varying its meaning, but presenting a directly opposite sense, and bills may be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting an entirely new bill; and resolutions may be amended by striking out all after the words "resolved that," and inserting a proposition of a wholly different tenor.

XI.

DIFFERENT MOTIONS.

When any motion is under debate, no motion can be received, unless to amend it, to commit it, to postpone it, or to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn takes precedence of all others, and when made simply, without specifications of purpose, or time, is taken without debate.

An adjournment without day is equivalent to a dissolution. An adjournment pending the consideration of any subject, supercedes that discussion unless again brought forward in the usual way.

Any question upon the rights of members, takes precedence of all other motions except that for adjournment.

A motion for the order of the day, previously fixed upon, ranks next in privilege to the motion upon the rights of a member.

XII.

INCIDENTAL QUESTIONS.

Incidental questions, or such as grow out of the original proposition before the Synod, as questions of order, motions for reading of papers, and leave to withdraw

a motion, and suspension of a rule, and an amendment of an amendment, must be decided before the question that gave rise to them.

XIII.

SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS.

It is a general rule that subsidiary motions, such as to lay on the table, for postponement, for commitment, or amendment, cannot be applied to each other.

The exceptions to this rule are, that motions to postpone, to commit, or to amend a principal question may be amended.

But subsidiary motions can never be applied to dispose of or suppress each other.

XIV.

ORDER OF PROCEEDING.

In considering a proposition consisting of several paragraphs, after the paper has been once read by the Secretary, the President or Secretary shall read it through in paragraphs, pausing upon each for opportunity to amend, and when the whole paper has been gone through with in this manner, the final question on adopting or agreeing to the whole paper as amended or unamended, shall be passed.

When a paper referred to a Committee has been reported back to the Synod, the amendments only are first read in course, by the Secretary. The President then puts the question on the several amendments in their order, afterwards miscellaneous amendments may be proposed by the Synod, and when these are gone through, the question is put on agreeing to, or adopting the paper as the resolution, or order, of the Synod.

XV.

ORDER IN DEBATE.

The President is not expected to take part in debate, but may state matters of fact within his knowledge, affecting the subject under discussion; inform the Synod on points of order, when called upon to, or it seems to become necessary; and address the Synod upon any appeal from his decision on any question of order.

A member rising to speak shall address the President.

When several rise together the President shall decide who shall speak first. It is usual to give a preference to the mover of a resolution, or after an adjournment to the mover of the adjournment or when two rise together to give the preference to the opponent of the measure.

When a member gives away to another to speak, he really resigns the floor, and can retain it only by the common consent, or vote of the Synod.

The President may have preference over other members on subjects upon which it is proper for him to speak, but may not interrupt a member, unless out of order, to speak himself.

Members must confine themselves in speaking, to the subject under discussion.

When called to order, for irrelevancy, the speaker may proceed, unless a motion prevail that he is out of order.

No member should speak more than twice upon the same question, unless permitted by the Synod, while others, who have not spoken, wish to speak, unless it be to explain; but he may not interrupt a speaker to explain.

If a member use language offensive or insulting to another, he may be stopped by one or more rising for the purpose, or by the President, and the words objected to,

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stated or written down on the minutes of the Secretary, that the offender may disclaim, or apologize for the offence, or receive the censure of the Synod.

XVI.

OF DISSENTS AND PROTESTS.

1. A dissent is a declaration on the part of one or more members of a minority, expressing a different opinion from that of the majority. A dissent, unaccompanied with reasons, is always entered on the minutes of the Synod.

2. A protest is a more solemn declaration, by a minority, bearing their testimony against what they deem an erroneous decision; and is generally accompanied with a detail of the reasons on which it is founded.

3. If a dissent or protest be couched in respectful language, and contain no offensive reflections on the majority, it must be recorded on the minutes as a matter of justice to the protesters.

4. It may happen that a protest, though not infringing the rules of decorum, may yet impute to the Synod principles of reasonings which it has not adopted. In this case the majority may appoint a Committee to draw up an answer to the protest, which if adopted by the Synod, must also be spread on the minutes.

5. With this the matter closes; but if those who have protested, consider the answer of the majority as imputing to them opinions or conduct which they disavow; the proper course is, to ask leave to take back their protest, which shall always be granted, and it may then be modified in such a manner as to render it more agreeable to their views. This alteration may lead to a corresponding alteration in the answer of the majority; with which the whole affair ought to terminate.

6. None can join in a protest against a decision, excepting those who had a right to vote in said decision.

XVII.

TAKING THE QUESTION.

A proposition made is called a motion; when propounded for their reception or rejection, it is denominated a question; when adopted, it becomes the order, resolution, or vote of the Synod.

The proposition is propounded in this form: "As many as are of opinion that, &c." first in the affirmative, and then in the negative. The expression may be given according to the order of the Synod by saying aye or nay, by raising the hand, or by the Secretary's taking the ayes and nays. In the former cases, which are more common, the President decides the vote from the sound of voices or the appearance of hands. If the decision be doubted, the division of the house may be called for, the members voting in the affirmative and negative, taking different parts of the house, or rising as called upon and standing to be counted. If the decision has been declared, a member coming in cannot call for division, nor can any person, after other business has been taken up.

If the members are equally divided upon a question, the President may give the casting vote, or by declining to vote leave the proposition negatived.

Every person is bound, unless excused, to vote on all questions.

A person not present when the question is taken cannot give his vote.

Before the negative has been taken, a member may rise and speak or propose amendments, and thus renew the debate. But in modes of taking the question when

the vote begins on both sides at once, the debate cannot be renewed, and an attempt to speak is out of order.

If a question arise upon a point of order, for example, as to the right or duty of a member to vote while the division is taking place, the chair must decide peremptorily, subject to the correction of the Synod after the division is over.

XVIII.

RECONSIDERATION.

It is a fundamental principle in parliamentary proceedings, that a question once decided cannot again be brought up. But while the principle is recognized, provision is made against the great inconvenience that might sometimes attend it, by the motion for reconsideration.

This motion is allowed only when moved by one voting in the majority, and when there are as many present as when the resolution passed.

The passage of the resolution for reconsideration, places the question precisely where it was before the decision, and leaves it open for discussion, amendment, adoption or rejection.

XIX.

COMMITTEES.

They may receive instructions when the business is given in charge, or at any stage of its progress, or be allowed discretionary power.

Committees may be appointed by the chairman in pursuance of a standing rule or vote of the Synod, or by nomination and vote of the members.

The first named on a Committee, is by courtesy, generally regarded as chairman, but the Committee are at liberty to appoint their own chairman, and proceed in their business, in the order and under the rules of a Synod, being one in miniature.

When their report is made, a motion is made by some member to receive the report. At the time appointed, the chairman of the Committee or Secretary reads the report, it then lies on the table awaiting the convenience of the Synod to take it up for consideration. The formality of receiving a report by consent or vote, discharges the Committee.

The doings of a Committee, when adopted, or agreed to, in the final question upon a report, becomes the action of the Synod.